

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 36-39 remain in the application and claims 1, 18, and 36 have been amended hereby. Claim 35 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-39 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ginter et al. in view of Garfinkle et al.

Features of the present invention are a reception dealer for accepting a request for a sale of a digital image with a handling condition and for selecting a receiver side from a plurality of receiver sides, the digital image being transferred to the selected receiver side for developing.

An advantage of these features of the present invention is that a user in one location can send a digital image to another location.

Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended in part to recite these features of the present invention.


It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Ginter et al. and Garfinkle et al. fails to show or suggest the selection of a receiver side from a plurality of receiver sides and the transferring of a digital image to the selected receiver side.

Ginter et al. is merely a system for secure transaction management and electronic rights protection and does not show or suggest the selection of a receiver side from a plurality of

receiver sides and the transferring of a digital image to the selected receiver side and, because there are no features in Garfinkle et al. that somehow could be combined with Ginter et al. and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 18, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Ginter et al. in view of Garfinkle et al.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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